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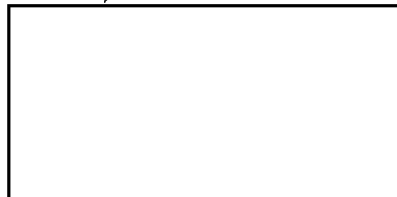
FROM:
Assistant Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Agency Sanitization of Materials for SSCI Review

1. No subject, to my knowledge, has caused more contention with the SSCI staff than DDO sanitization of documents. We have gone through several major exercises of this, most recently with

In some cases, staff members had not been too vocal but rarely do they seem entirely satisfied. I do not pretend to fully understand DDO operations, but in my opinion there is unnecessary sanitization.

2. Because this is a major problem area, and because there will undoubtedly be future requirements of this type, I recommend that you and Mr. Wells jointly set up some sort of group to study this problem and develop Directorate-wide guidelines for documents intended for the SSCI. Whereas the OLC principles paper was general, the group should write guidelines of specific coterie cables, such as whether cryptonyms and reference numbers are to be deleted. At a minimum, this would eliminate the problem of inconsistent sanitization. I think somebody with a DDO background should represent OLC. I would like to also have a substantial Committee input, either by working with the Committee every step of the way or getting their approval on the finished product. I believe there would be much greater chance of success if the Committee was involved right along.



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